

# THIS WAY FOR LIVE SPORTING HAPPENINGS

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## WANTS BOUTS WITHOUT ANY REFEREE NOW

New York, July 22—William H. Wellman, who will conduct the boxing in Madison Square Garden, requested yesterday of the State Athletic Commission that the services of a referee be dispensed with in the coming Johnny Dundee and Jack Britton ten-round bout, which will reopen Madison Square Garden for boxing on the night of July 23. Wellman contends that the third man in the ring has no power under the New York state laws that could not be exercised by the timekeeper, and this would only apply in the case of a knockout, when as a matter of fact the timekeeper should toll off the ten seconds in conjunction with the referee.

Wellman also says that the style of both Britton and Dundee, two of the most aggressive men in the ring, is such that it certainly does not require a man to break them, and the eagerness of either boxer to win exclusively from the other will keep the contest lively at all times.

## NUMEROUS STARS IN COLLEGE RANKS

College baseball for this year is at its end and the scouts that have been watching the college boys play report one of the best crops of promising ballplayers ever turned out by the schools.

The baseball played both east and west by college teams this year has been better than the average, and that in the face of an discouraging weather conditions as often as encountered.

There are at least a dozen youths playing for their schools who are major league material, but perhaps not more than two or three will be taken on even if they want to play because of the economy being practiced by all the big leagues and the 21-man limit of the National League.

The two best men in the middle west are Paul DeJong, a senior at the University of Chicago and Juel pitcher for Northwestern. Although George Huff's Illinois team won the western championship, DeJong is declared to be more to Huff team work and excellent coaching than to the individual ability of the men.

Des Jarden is probably the best college pitcher for major league in the entire country. He is one of the greatest all-around athletes the midwest university ever developed. He thinks he is a pitcher, and he is a pretty fair sort of a college pitcher, but he ought to be taken by some good manager and developed into an outfielder, for he can hit and throw and has a world of speed and strength. The Cubs may give him a tryout.

Juel, who really was the sensation of the middle western schools, is a cracking pitcher. He won the honor of being the only pitcher to defeat Illinois and he is desirous of going into the big show. He is getting a look over by the Chicago White Sox. Cornell showed two men who might make good in the majors. DeJong is a corking pitcher, and Mellen, a speedy third baseman who is a slashing hitter. Gill of Princeton seems the class of the Tigers.

The scouts report the much-touted Deyo scarcely would do, pitching in fast company. They think better of Way of Yale. Less, the strapping catcher of Yale, is declared to be the best catcher in the eastern schools. Trinity, Penn State, Holy Cross and Pitt all have been looked over. Two of Holy Cross' men are said to have received offers from the majors. One man this year who is considered speedy and has another almost ripe, who will not play ball.

The scouts report that it is hard to get the college men to talk trial this year and it is probable they are influenced by the retrenchment plans of the magnates.

## Schmidt and Smith of Braves Fine Pair For Delivering the Basehits

"When Schmidt starts to hit, the Braves start to win." That saying is well-known among the supporters of the Boston Braves, world's champions. R is also well known among these supporters how true the saying is. Last year, when Schmidt was not hitting, the Braves were not playing ball, but just as soon as the giant tender of the initial station started meeting the pill, the Braves began to ascend.

The same is true this year. Schmidt has been in an awful batting slump and has also been kept out of the game by injuries. About two weeks ago, however, he once again resumed his old position, and then started pelting that ball. Instantly and accordingly, the Braves started to win and yesterday's game, in which Schmidt hit safely three times, made the seventh straight win for the champs.

The big fellow may not be batting for 300 yet but his terrific hitting during the past week will bring him pretty well up among the top-notchers.

But there is one other little player on the Braves who is batting the ball hard this year and who, with Schmidt forms the Cobb-Crawford combination of the Braves.

He is Smith, the third sacker, who is wallowing the ball for 239 so far this season with promises of increasing his average to the end of the schedule looms in view. Schmidt batted for 285 last year with his comrade close behind with 272. Watch them bunch their hits and see how many times Smith advances Schmidt with a bingle.

## MERKLE PLAYING BEST BALL OF CAREER; STRONG WITH THE BAT



FRED MERKLE

Fred Merkle, famous or infamous for making a certain play in a certain world's series, is playing the best ball of his career right now for the New York Giants. He is fielding well and hitting them out when hits mean runs. His playing has injected ginger into the team just when it seemed as if they never would get anywhere near the top in the percentage column. He is batting over .300. His playing is another tribute to the judgment of McGraw, who refused to let Merkle go despite the clamor of certain rabid Giant fans.

## Runs Made This Week AMERICAN LEAGUE.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.	
Philadelphia	14
Boston	11
Boston	10
St. Louis	6
Pittsburgh	6
New York	5
Brooklyn	5
Cincinnati	5

AMERICAN LEAGUE.	
Detroit	21
New York	16
Washington	15
Philadelphia	15
St. Louis	13
St. Louis	9
Cleveland	9
Chicago	4

FEDERAL LEAGUE.	
Baltimore	23
Brooklyn	21
Chicago	20
St. Louis	14
Buffalo	12
Pittsburgh	7
Newark	6
Kansas City	0

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.	
Providence	30
Rochester	28
Harrisburg	28
Montreal	20
Jersey City	12
Buffalo	8
Richmond	6
Toronto	5

NATIONAL LEAGUE.	
At Philadelphia—	R. H. E.
Chicago	0 2 0
Philadelphia	1 4 0
At Boston—	
Boston	2 7 1
Boston	1 6 1

The New York-St. Louis and Brooklyn-Pittsburgh games were postponed on account of rain.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.	
Philadelphia	44 34 .564
Brooklyn	42 35 .531
Chicago	42 38 .524
New York	38 39 .494
St. Louis	42 43 .494
Pittsburgh	40 41 .494
Boston	29 44 .400
Cincinnati	33 44 .432

GAMES TODAY.	
Pittsburgh in New York (2).	
St. Louis in Brooklyn (2).	
Chicago in Philadelphia (2).	

FEDERAL LEAGUE.	
At Chicago—1st Game.	R. H. E.
Chicago	4 6 1
Chicago	0 3 0

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.	
Kansas City	45 24 .585
Chicago	41 37 .570
St. Louis	46 37 .554
Pittsburgh	43 38 .531
Newark	42 41 .512
Brooklyn	39 43 .449
Buffalo	38 51 .427
Baltimore	32 52 .381

GAMES TODAY.	
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Baltimore in Chicago.	
Buffalo in Kansas City.	

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## TY COBB HAS RIVAL IN RUTH BOSTON BOXMAN

St. Louis, July 22—"Babe" Ruth, the youthful port side flinger of Bill Carrigan's Red Sox, demonstrated in the opening game of the series between the Red Sox and Browns that Ty Cobb, the "Georgia Peach," is not the only pebble in the American League.

Ruth made four trips to the plate yesterday afternoon, and all he did was to slam out a home run, a pair of two-baggers and a single. The home run came in the fourth inning, and it was one of the longest drives ever witnessed at Sportsman's Park, the home of the Browns. The ball went clear over the right field bleachers, across Grand Avenue and landed on the far side of the wall.

Ruth also pitched a fine game for the league leaders, although he was taken out in the ninth, when the Browns became threatening. Wood relieved him and held the Browns safe.

## WESTERN OARSMEN WILL COMPETE FOR THOMAS LIPTON CUP

Duluth, Minn., July 22—The St. Thomas Lipton \$5,000 trophy cup will be competed for at the Northwestern International regatta on Friday and Saturday of this week. It was taken from Canada by Duluth regatta last year, and there had been doubt whether it would be raced for this year.

Visiting oarsmen began arriving yesterday. The Minnesota Boat club athletes are here from St. Paul. Today the Illinois Valley, Peoria, aggregation and the Grand Rapids, Mich., Boat and Canoe club will arrive, while the Lincoln Park, Chicago, club and others are expected on Friday.

## ROGER BRESNAHAN FINES ZIMMERMAN AND YOUNG ZABEL

Philadelphia, July 22—Manager Bresnahan of the Chicago Cubs was so irate over the loss of Tuesday's game to the Phillies that he fined Zimmerman \$25, charging that Heinie failed to run out a grounder to Nicholson in the sixth inning. Bresnahan also fined Pitcher Zabel \$100 and suspended him without pay. Bresnahan says Zabel was not in condition.

In the games on Monday and Tuesday here Zabel was sent in twice as a rescue twirler. He pitched to 12 batters, of whom only two reached first base, which is far from being bad twirling. Zabel left for Chicago, with Sailer, who was injured.

## GEORGE GIBSON, PIRATE BACKSTOP, IS A CANADIAN

Canada has produced many men who have achieved fame in sporting circles. In the pugilistic arena the list of Canadians includes Tommy Burns, heavyweight champion; George Langford, bantam and featherweight champion; Johnny Coulton, bantamweight champion, and several famous near-champions, among them George Dixon, Mike Ward, Sandy Ferguson and Gilbert Gallant. The list of diamond stars of Canadian birth is not so impressive, but it numbers several brilliant players. Among them are Larry McLean and George Gibson.

Gibson, the famous backstop of the Pirates, was born thirty-five years ago today, July 22, 1880, in London, Ontario. That was a good base town for a prospective diamond star to be born in, for London won the first pennant of the first International League last year, before Gibson made his mundane debut.

Gibson broke into the limelight with a rush, for in 1909, when the Pirates won the National League pennant, he was their sole mainstay behind the bat. Gibson caught 150 games that year, and no one man played a more prominent part in the success of the Corsairs than the hard-working backstop. Gibson led the National League catchers in fielding that year, and repeated in 1912, while last year his record was better than that of any other backstop who caught more than a hundred games.

Few players know more about the peculiarities and preferences of opposing batmen than Gibson. Ever since he entered the National League he has been studying every player who steps up to the bat. This knowledge has been of great assistance to the Buccanier twirlers. "Babe" Adams owed much of his fame to Gibson.

## MIAMOGUE WINNERS TO GET PRIZES SATURDAY

The winners of the Henry A. Bishop cup races, sailed July 5, will receive their prizes at the Miami Yacht club Saturday night. All members of any organized yacht club are invited to attend. In addition to the presentation of the cups there will be an entertainment and lunch.

## WHITE SOX BALL TEAM IN SEYMOUR NEXT SUNDAY

The White Sox baseball team will travel to Seymour next Sunday to play the home team of that town. The following men will make the trip: Hayes, Egan, Lou Blaydenberg, Wes. Blydenberg, B. Judd, L. Judd, Joe Bailey, Lou Bailey, Smallwood and Nichols. Car leaves Meigs' corner at 12:30 p. m.

For the first time in two years Pittsburgh manufacturers report a lack of semi-finished steel.

## BROOKLYN CLUB WANTS BECKER FORMER NEW LONDON SPEEDER

Lewiston Club Offered Good Price For Player Discovered By Gene McCann.

Lynn, Mass., July 22—Martin H. Becker, Lewiston's centre fielder, and considered next to Irving Porter as the Speed King of the New England League, is wanted by the Brooklyn Dodgers. Manager Arthur Irwin has been approached by a Brooklyn scout with an offer for the speedy player. Irwin said that the price offered was \$2,000.

The offer was not accepted, but the scout went back to Brooklyn with Irwin's price, and Becker will probably be sold within a few days.

Becker is one of the fastest men in the league. He was with New London in the past season and played good ball in the post-season inter-league series with the Lawrence team.

As an outfielder, Becker has no superior in the circuit. Last season with New London the Lewiston centre fielder stole 63 bases. His hitting and base running were reasons why New London won the championship of that circuit.

Even the umpires are jumping. Jack Mullen, who has been calling balls and strikes for the Federal League, has hurried to the Federal League.

Owner Comiskey of the Chicago White Sox has always been noted as a good sportsman but the close pennant race has evidently caused him to lose control of his fast ball. He claims his club has been the victim of the worst umpiring in the American league and has lost seven or eight games by poor decisions. Comiskey is foaming at the mouth because of the suspension of Manager Rowland who was put off the field last Monday. If club owners had all the victories they claim umpires stole, they wouldn't need any "lost" column in the standing of the clubs.

Francis Oulmet, amateur champion golfer of this country, tied in a score of 71 and won the qualifying round in the Massachusetts amateur tournament at Newton, Mass., yesterday. There were 104 starters.

Grover Alexander got his revenge on those pesky Cubs. They broke his spirit last Saturday but he blanked them in a six inning game yesterday.

## BETTING FAVORS BROOKLYNS MORE IN PENNANT RACE

New York, July 22—Having successfully yanked the St. Louis Cardinals and the Chicago Cubs from their high and lofty places, the Giants welcomed a short rest yesterday, when rain caused the postponement of the final game with Miller Huggins' fallen heroes.

John McGraw announced last night that "Larry" Doyle has so far recovered from his strained ankle that he will be able to take his place at second base again. Also it was said that a new outfielder, one of experience, would soon be purchased by the Giants. Who this new player is could not be learned, but it is known that he is a man with major league experience and one who is able to hit and field with average skill.

Since Murray was released Fred Snodgrass has not been able to hit with anything like the form expected. His fielding has been exceptionally brilliant, but at the plate he has been almost useless. McGraw has given Snodgrass every opportunity to improve, but it seems Snodgrass is beyond improvement.

With the coming of the Pirates and young "Hans" Wagner, the Giants will have another fight upon their hands. They managed to overcome the strength of the Cubs and Cardinals, and thereby gathered momentum enough to crowd into the first division, but Pittsburgh also is claiming some first division distinction, and it will be necessary for the McGraw team to teach Wagner and company something. With Robertson and Burns hitting in top form and the pitchers working nicely as they have been during the last two weeks, the Giants should give the Pirates a race of it during the seven games that are to be played.

Betting on the race has changed perceptibly during the last two weeks, with Brooklyn favored more and more each day. Since last Saturday the odds of the Dodgers have shortened from 1 to 7 to 1 to 5. "Fred" Schumm, the Wall street commissioner, says that offers of \$500 to \$2,500 that Brooklyn will win the pennant have been made and \$500 to \$1,000 that the Giants will win. Also \$200 to \$400 is offered Brooklyn will not be one two, three. Another wager has been made, \$200 to \$300, the Giants will beat Brooklyn.

## BASEBALL GOSSIP.

The Red Sox not only trounced the White Sox, but also took a firm hold on the lead in the Johnson organization race.

Maybe the Braves are not beginning to show signs of last season's form.

Brooklyn continues to edge around the top. The Robins are looking more dangerous every day. Even the weakest member of the team is playing well.

Maybe the Chicago fans have not been treated to their fill of gloom recently. It was only a few days ago

## CHARLEY WHITE AND KID LEWIS BOX TAME DRAW

New York, July 22—The ten round boxing bout between Charley White of Chicago and "Red Kid" Lewis of Liverpool, England, at the St. Nicholas rink last night was such an affair as could be received by the most fastidious. Neither White nor Lewis exhibited more than an appetite for clinching.

Lewis did not run around the ring as he jabbed successfully with a jumping shove, while White was desperately trying to catch him. Three rounds went to White, three to Lewis and the rest were tame, uninteresting, even sessions in which no danger was done and in which neither fighter exerted himself.

In the fourth round White placed a left hook squarely on Lewis' chin and almost upset the Englishman, but by clever footwork and holding Lewis managed to weather the round. White was again a disappointment, lacking aggressiveness and holding much of the time.

When he hit he landed cleanly and enough to bother the Englishman. Lewis, like Welsh, proved little more than a defensive fighter, whose capabilities are limited to staying ten rounds with an opponent. That he held White was to his credit only in that he managed to run away for ten rounds and White was willing to let him run.

## LARRY DOYLE'S DEBUT

Larry Doyle, the second baseman of the Giants, celebrates two anniversaries in July. He was born on the last day of the torrid month in 1884 at Caseyville, Ill., and he broke into the big league on July 22, 1907, only a few days before his twenty-first birthday. Larry will round out his eighth year with the McGraw outfit today, for he has been with the Giants throughout his major league career. In his first National League game, against Chicago, Doyle was badly injured, flayed with stage fright, and he pulled an awful bone and let in a run by not knowing what to do with the ball after he had headed off a ground ball. Doyle was a coal-miner before he broke into the national pastime, in the Three-I circuit, and he began the 1907 season in the Illinois Capital. His first work made several big league clubs sit up and take notice, but Springfield was loath to part with the miner, and it was not until New York offered \$4,500 for him that he was sold.

After his unfortunate break in his first game with the Giants, Doyle got no better fast, and the big town fans soon began to roast him. McGraw knew pretty well what he was about, however, and after the newness and rawness wore off Doyle began to deliver the goods. He was one of the sensations of the 1908 season, batting .308 for the season and standing third in the league in fielding. His work was even more sensational the following year, and he demonstrated fully that \$4,500 was a bargain price for his services.

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## ANNIVERSARIES OF RING BATTLES

1891—Griffio defeated Billy Murphy in 25 rounds at Sydney, Australia. These two boys were among the best featherweights of ring history. Murphy, a native of New Zealand, came to America in 1889, and the following year won the featherweight title and the diamond belt by knocking out Ike Weir. A few months later Billy returned to Australia, where he lost the title to Griffio, whose real name was Albert Griffiths, a native of Sydney. Griffio gave Murphy another chance in 1891, and stopped him in 25 rounds. In the meantime, however, George Dixon had been recognized as featherweight champion, and he was 18 to 10 in favor of Griffio to defend his claim to the title.

He fought a draw with George Dixon, aged 25 rounds, at Coney Island, and met most of the good light and featherweights of America. On not this cleverest man who ever wore a glove, Griffio lacked the punching power that would have made him a great champion.

1899—Jerry Marshall defeated Kid Brogan in 20 rounds at Brooklyn. 1902—Young Peter Jackson defeated Mike Donovan in 20 rounds at Los Angeles.

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